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Government of India/Bharat Sarkar

Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

New Delhi—110001, the 17th March, 1987

To

The Home Secretaries of all the State Governments/Union Territories Admn.

Sub: Grant of arms possession licences.

Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that arms possession licences are being issued by the field authorities in States particularly in Punjab and Haryana to the residents of other States without calling for a report from the concerned local police authorities. State Govts./U.T. Administrations have been requested from time to time to initiate necessary measures for the proper enforcement of the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 with the view, to ensure that anti-social elements do not come to possess firearms. One of the measures to ensure that only *bona-fide* applicants with satisfactory antecedents are granted possession licences, is to call for report of the local police authorities on each individual application for grant of arms licences, as required under the amended provisions of Section 13 of the Arms Act, 1959. It is, therefore requested that the attention of all licensing authorities in the State/U.T. may please be drawn to statutory provision regarding calling a report from the local police authorities before considering applications for grant of arms licences. This will enable the licensing authorities to weedout the fake applications applied on fictitious addresses.

2. The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(T. K. RAVINDRANATH)
UNDER SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

Creation of a Fund for Displaced Workers

3546. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to create a fund for displaced workers in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when such a fund is likely to be created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Anti-India propaganda by Radio Teheran

3547. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the motivated and misleading anti-India propaganda by Radio Teheran about communal riots and killings of Muslims in India;

(b) whether there have been organised demonstrations in front of Indian Embassy in Teheran;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what measures have been taken to counter this anti-India propaganda by Radio Teheran?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Iran through diplomatic channels.

Felling of Teak Trees in Orissa

3548. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated 29th July, 1987 wherein it has been stated that an influential Congress (I) M.L.A. has been arrested for illegally felling teak trees from Chandaka reserve forest in Orissa;

(b) if so what action has been taken by Government against the persons found responsible therefor; and

(c) what is the estimated number of trees illegally felled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Government is aware of the news item which appeared in Indian Express Dated 29th July, 1987 regarding illicit felling of teak trees in Chandaka Reserve Forest in Orissa.

(b) A forest offence case has been drawn up against Shri Suresh Kumar Routray, M.L.A. and twenty others.

(c) Nine teak trees.

श्री यासर अराफात द्वारा काश्मीर के संबंध में दिया गया वक्तव्य

3549. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 5 अगस्त, 1987 के "दैनिक जागरण" (कानपुर संस्करण) में प्रकाशित इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि फिलस्तीनी मुक्ति संगठन के अध्यक्ष मोहम्मद यासर अराफात ने अपनी हाल की भारत यात्रा के दौरान दिल्ली में कहा है कि मैं काश्मीर के लोगों को आत्मनिर्णय का अधिकार दिलाने में उनकी सहायता करूंगा ताकि वे अपने राजनैतिक भविष्य का निर्णय कर सकें ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुवर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) सरकार ने स्थिति का पता लगवाया है । अध्यक्ष अराफात ने ऐसी कोई टिप्पणी नहीं की थी । फिलिस्तीनी मुक्ति संगठन भारत की एकता और प्रादेशिक अखंडता का पूर्ण समर्थन करता है और उसे स्वीकार करता है ।

Chinese Arrested on Nepal Border

3550. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
DR. C. SILVERA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Chinese nationals apprehended during the last six months near the Nepal border,

(b) whether it is a fact that incriminating material was seized from them; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF